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Swift Water Rescue

CORONA, CA— On February 14, 2019, at about 6:34 a.m., Corona Police and the Corona Firefighters responded to the area of McKinley Street/Sampson Avenue reference a swift water rescue from the nearby flood control canal.

Emergency personnel located and rescued a male victim, identified as James Felix, a 35-year-old from Riverside. Felix told emergency personnel his girlfriend, Stacie Mills-Nichols, a 20-year-old from Riverside, was also swept away in the flood control canal. Emergency personnel later located Mills-Nichols in the area of Auburndale/Rincon Street. Due to their medical conditions, both Felix and Mills-Nichols were transported to a local hospital, where Mills-Nichols was pronounced deceased.

Felix told police investigators he and Mills-Nichols had been living in the flood control canal in the area of Indiana Avenue/La Sierra Avenue, in the City of Riverside. With the rapidly rising water in the flood canal, they were swept away in what he described as “neck” high flood waters. The raging waters took Felix and Mills-Nichols west through the canal from Riverside and into Corona, where a nearby citizen spotted Felix in the flood canal and called 911.

Due to this incident terminating in the City of Corona, the Corona Police Department is handling the investigation. If anyone has further information regarding this incident, please call Sr. Detective Jesse Jurado at 951-279-3628 or email Jesse.Jurado@CoronaCA.gov.

About the City of Corona: Corona is located adjacent to Orange County California at the junction of the 91 and 15 freeways with a population of more than 160,000 residents. For more information regarding the City of Corona visit www.CoronaCA.gov.

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